


<h2 style="margin: 0;">General Health Services Policy &amp; Procedure</h2>		
Site Name: Dona Ana County Detention Center		
Title: Procedure in the Event of an Inmate Death		Revised:
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**POLICY:** The Health Service Administrator (HSA) conducts a thorough review of all deaths in custody in an effort to improve care and prevent future deaths.

Deaths are reviewed in accordance with the **Corizon Health Sentinel Event Policy**.

PROCEDURE STATEMENTS		FACILITY GUIDANCE
1	A clinical mortality review is conducted within 30 days	<p>The Site and Regional Medical Directors (SMD/RMD) are responsible to ensure the review is completed as defined in the Corizon Health Sentinel Event Policy</p> <p>The clinical mortality review is conducted by a physician not involved in the patient's treatment. The treating provider may be involved in the mortality review process, but may not independently complete the review</p>
2	An administrative review is conducted in conjunction with custody staff	The HSA is responsible for the coordination of the administrative review and the implementation of any recommendations
3	A psychological autopsy is performed on all deaths by suicide within 30 days	<p>The behavioral health lead is responsible to ensure the completion of the psychological autopsy and report</p> <p>Available Corizon Health form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychological Autopsy (QP0002)</li> </ul>
4	Treating staff are informed of pertinent findings of all reviews	The Core 4 are responsible for ensuring that treating staff and the CQI committee are informed of pertinent findings

### REFERENCES

NCCHC: Standards for Health Services in Jails 2018, J-A-09  
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5	<p>A log is maintained that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Patient name or identification number</li> <li>➤ Age at time of death</li> <li>➤ Date of death</li> <li>➤ Date of clinical mortality review</li> <li>➤ Date of administrative review (if different than date of clinical mortality review)</li> <li>➤ Cause of death (e.g., hanging, respiratory failure)</li> <li>➤ Manner of death (e.g., natural, suicide, homicide, accident)</li> <li>➤ Date pertinent findings of review(s) shared with staff</li> <li>➤ Date of psychological autopsy, if applicable</li> </ul>	<p>Required Corizon Health form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mortality Tracking Log (NA9596)</li> </ul> <p>This form should be used to communicate the completion of mortality reviews and associated actions with accrediting entities</p>
<b>SITE SPECIFICS</b>		
The individual that completes and maintains the log is [HSA]		
6	The HSA, SMD, and the correctional administrator are immediately notified of an inmate death	
7	There is a defined process by which the individuals designated by the inmate are notified in the case of death	This may also include notification of an impending death of a terminally ill patient
<b>SITE SPECIFICS</b>		
<p>Individuals designated by the inmate are notified by:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Custody staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health staff</p>		
8	Authorities having jurisdiction (medical examiner or coroner) are immediately notified of an inmate death	
<b>SITE SPECIFICS</b>		
<p>Jurisdictional authorities are notified by:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Custody staff notifies jurisdictional authorities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health staff notifies jurisdictional authorities</p>		

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